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Thief Arrested after Foot Pursuit

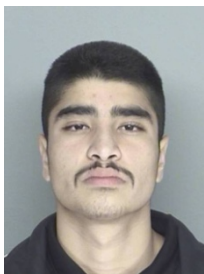
SANTA BARBARA, CA – February 26, 2013

Eduardo Lazaro Murillo, age 20, of Santa Barbara, was arrested for possession of stolen property and other charges after a citizen walking home from work observed Murillo tampering with vehicles parked on Santa Barbara's Westside and called 9-1-1.

On February 25, 2013 at 12:37 a.m., SBPD Officers Eric Rosenberg, Brian Sathre, Bryn Bruce, and Kody Cardana responded to a call of a suspicious subject attempting to open car doors in the vicinity of San Andres Street and Pedregosa Street. Upon arrival Officer Cardana was flagged down by the reporting party who indicated that Murillo was hiding behind a nearby parked car. When Officer Cardana attempted to contact Murillo he fled on foot, first westbound and then eastbound on 700 W. Pedregosa Street. Murillo tripped and fell to the ground at the intersection of San Andres Street and Pedregosa Street and was taken into custody by Officer Cardana and Officer Sathre.

Murillo was searched incident to arrest and found to be in possession of a meth pipe that contained a usable quantity of methamphetamine. Murillo was also in possession of a gym bag that contained a variety of items that the officers suspected were stolen. Investigation revealed that Murillo attempted to open the doors to numerous vehicles parked on the street and in private driveways on San Andres Street and on the 600 and 700 blocks of W. Pedregosa Street. He admitted that he had stolen the items in his possession from parked cars. The reporting party affected a citizen's arrest of Murillo for the crimes of prowling and vehicle tampering, which was necessary as these were misdemeanor offenses that did not occur in the presence of the responding officers. Officer Rosenberg arrested Murillo for possession of methamphetamine, a felony, and possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of stolen property, both misdemeanors. Investigation to determine the identity of the owners of the stolen property is ongoing.

Murillo was booked into Santa Barbara County Jail on the aforementioned charges with a bail amount of \$25,000.00. Photograph provided by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office.



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